

## LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To:** Town Board

From: William Defoe

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**Re:** Monthly Police Report August 2016

During the month of July 2016 the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

190 Incidents/Complaints

- 13 Citizen Assists
- 10 Vehicle Registrations
- 6 Accidents
- 2 Civil Process
- 6 False Alarm
- 4 Call out
- 13 Animal Calls
- 5 Parking Citations

August numbers seem to be in line with July's but how we got there is completely different, one thing is for sure, our two busiest months are behind us.

One thing that you may have noticed is that our Animal Calls have gone up considerably, although we had a number of calls of dogs in hot cars and dogs off leash, about half of these calls are bear calls. The bears are hungry and scavenging, we have had bear calls in all parts of the island, one gentleman while sleeping in his hammock at the Town Park had a bear come up and sniff him as he stayed still. Our advice is to put food items away such as bird feeders and garbage. Leaving out food is just inviting them. Also when a bear climbs a tree in your yard, the best thing is to leave it alone, it will leave on its own.

We would like to congratulate now former Part Time Officer Packer Makinia who in August accepted a full time offer from the Ladysmith Police Department. Packer is returning to his home town to serve the citizens there. We are potentially looking at losing another part time officer soon, I will keep you posted.

We just completed the Over the Limit Under Arrest program and I will be submitting out numbers to the state to be put in a drawing for a grant, considering that we had just won a grant with Booze and Belts, I don't think that our luck is that high for a bit. Speaking of booze and belts, I have completed the online paper work to complete this grant and we should have our check any day now.

We have risen over \$3000 for the bike patrol equipment, and we have now purchased two bikes. The bike patrol will continue through apple fest this year. We are looking forward to next year and having more officers involved in patrolling on bicycle. The response to the bike patrol has been overwhelming. Thank you to all that have donated, without you, this would not have been possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the Police Department office.